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Klein Masselwitz.

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DATE OF INFO. Prior to June 1952

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1. Prior to June 1952, source learned from a friend that the ordnance repair works, 1 km north of Breslau-Klein Masselwitz (P 52/C 42) on the west bank of the Oder River, were under Russian management. Prior to November 1951, source saw from the Oder River that the plant installations consisted of some single-floor buildings with flat paper roofs. The plant was surrounded by a mesh-wire fence, over 2 meters high, and had watchtowers, 6 meters high. It was equipped with telephone lines and large searchlights and had an alarm system which could be heard across the river. The Oder River side of the plant was guarded by a detail of 25 to 30 troops. A firing range with a mesh-wire fence adjoined the plant in the west.
2. The population of the Breslau district believed that the plant was the largest Russian ordnance repair plant in Silesia and repaired all types of weapons, including tanks and guns of any caliber. At the Hansern lock, about 1,000 meters southeast of the plant, in June 1951, source learned from two German PWs, who worked at the plant, that there was a labor force of 300 to 400 men. Most of the men were German PWs, including ordnance specialists, locksmiths and mechanics and German workmen from Masselwitz, but no Poles. The PWs said that they were treated well and received good food but had to work hard.

25X1A [] Comment. This ordnance repair plant is housed in the former Ardelt works and had been reported in the spring of 1951. [] 25X1A

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